

Weekly Status & Information Report: May 2 - 6, 2011

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of May 9, 2011:

- City Council meeting, Monday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Recreation Committee meeting, Monday, May 9, 7 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Facade Advisory Board meeting, Tuesday, May 10, 7 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Tree Commission meeting, Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room
- Takoma Junction Task Force meeting, Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact irmaa@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

2. Notice of Public Hearing - 200/300 Blocks Hilltop Road Traffic Calming:

May 9, 7:30 p.m.: The Takoma Park City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 9, to hear comments on residents' petition for traffic calming on the 200/300 blocks of Hilltop Road. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard) in the Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue. Residents are urged to attend the meeting to express their views. Written comments addressed to City Clerk at clerk@takomagov.org will also be made part of the record. For further information, contact the Assistant City Clerk, Irma Andia, at 301-891-7214 or IrmaA@takomagov.org. *(City Clerk)*

3. SAVE THE DATE - Ward 6 Night on Monday, May 16: Residents of Ward 6 are invited to join the City Council on Monday, May 16, for a reception from 7-7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Lobby. A special Ward 6 public comment session will be held at the beginning of the City Council meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m. Residents who have questions may contact their City Councilmember or Irma Andia, Assistant City Clerk, at 301-891-7214, irmaa@takomagov.org. *(City Clerk)*

2. City Manager Ascends Presidency of MCCMA: At the spring conference of the Maryland City and County Management Association, held on April 28 and 29, City Manager Barb Matthews was elected President of the Association for 2011-2012. She will represent the Association on the Maryland Municipal League Board of Directors in the coming year. *(City Manager)*

3. "The Secret to a Happy Ending" - Tonight, May 6: Free screening of the film - "The Secret to a Happy Ending" - followed by question and answer period with film maker Barr Weissman and sound engineer Art Isaacs. Screening at 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. Advance reservations are encouraged http://imtfolk.org/html/imt_calendar.shtml The Secret to a Happy Ending documents the Drive-By Truckers and their congregation of fans as they explore tales of human weakness and redemption. Reflective of the band's roots in Alabama and Georgia, the film explores the changing American South—its tangled past and strange beauty. *(Housing and Community Development)*

4. "Points of View" Opening Reception - Friday, May 13: Two artists, two mediums, two artistic visions with printmaker Norman Strike and photographer Rob Rudick. Opening reception

will be held in the Atrium Gallery on Friday, May 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Exhibit can be viewed in the Atrium Gallery at the Takoma Park Community Center until May 28. (*Housing and Community Development*)

5. Spring is for Growing - Free Class Saturday May 17: Are you ready to try your hand at growing vegetables but don't know how? Tired of buying herbs only to throw out most of it later? If you've missed the first gardening class, here's another learning opportunity. Join us on May 7, 10 a.m. to 12 noon to learn from Master Gardener Donald Snyder on how to grow vegetables, herbs, and flowers in outdoor containers. The class will be held at the Community Center's Rose Room (7500 Maple Avenue). For more information or to RSVP contact Carman Lam at 301-891-7219, CarmanL@takomagov.org. (*Housing and Community Development*)

6. Seniors Visit Active Aging Expo: The City of Gaithersburg invited the Silver Foxes to a "free" fun packed day at the Bohrer Park Activity Center, on Monday, May 2, 2011. The Active Aging Expo included interactive demonstrations, speakers, authors, performers, health screenings, pampering (free facials, massages), senior services information, seminars, dancing presentations, and a free light breakfast. The Takoma Park seniors enjoyed this fabulous event. (*Recreation*)

7. Recreation Department Meets with the MC Youth Violence Prevention Coordinator: Recreation Director, Debra Haiduven, and Assistant Director, Gregory Clark, met with the Montgomery County Street Outreach Network coordinator, Luis Cardona on Thursday May 5, 2011. Collaborative efforts and future partnership ideas were discussed. In addition, the group reviewed current intervention services that were being provided to Takoma Park teens that are more "at risk" than others. The two parties agreed to schedule another meeting, to include community stakeholders, and further discuss options for our young people. (*Recreation*)

8. Introduction to Tennis Class for Seniors: The first Introduction to Tennis class for seniors begins today, May 6, at the Takoma Park Middle School courts. Pat Rumbaugh, volunteer instructor, a Takoma Park resident, and an award winning tennis coach, will lead this full (12 registered participants) six-week class Friday afternoons, 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m., May 6 - June 10, 2011. (*Recreation*)

9. Adult Softball League – No Games This Weekend: In observance of Mother's Day, the Adult Softball League will not have games this Sunday, May 8, 2011. All games will resume on Sunday, May 15. The Recreation Department wishes each and every mom a Happy Mother's Day!! (*Recreation*)

10. Girls Lacrosse Clinic – Only One Week Left!: Parents, time is winding down on the opportunity to enroll your daughter in the Takoma Park lacrosse clinic. The program is for girls in grades 3- 6 and emphasizes the importance of fundamentals while upholding fun as the main objective. Registration is on a first come first serve basis, so don't wait. Instruction will be given by Tessa Mork, Montgomery Blair High School Varsity Lacrosse Captain. Program will begin on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 3:50 pm and is held at Hodges Field (behind Takoma Park Elem.) To register for this program please visit:

www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation. For additional information please contact

Lew McAllister at (301) 891- 7284 or LewM@takomagov.org *(Recreation)*

11. **Kickball Program:** The Kickball program ended in lots of excitement as participants played their final game of the year. The youth especially loved the fact that members of the Recreation Department joined in on the festivities. Over the last five weeks, participants were able to motor around the bases and interact with friends. Thanks to all the participants who enrolled in the program. *(Recreation)*

12. **T-Ball League – Over 80 Participants!:** Teams are forming fast and registrations for the 2011 T-Ball season are going really well. This program already has over 80 registered participants. The season will be here before you know it; Opening day is Saturday, June 11, 2011. Games will be played at Belle Ziegler, Lee Jordan and Hodges Field. So don't wait, register today as space is limited!! The T-Ball program is open to all girls and boys in grades K-1. To register online go to: www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation. For additional details call Lew McAllister 301.891.7284 or LewM@takomagov.org *(Recreation)*

13. **Mothers Day Bingo:** On Thursday, May 5, a total of 28 teens and pre-teens piled into the teen lounge to participate in our annual Mother's Day Bingo game. Bingo prizes consisted of plaques, frames, bags, bath sets, beach towels, mom mugs and more. No one walked away empty handed. Consolation prizes like mothers day cards and picture frames were given to teens that did not win. *(Recreation)*

14. **Teens Stomp on HIV:** Thirteen teens will be heading to Baltimore on Friday at 5:00 p.m. to attend the STOMP ON HIV step competition hosted by Morgan State University. Before the competition, which takes place at 7:00 p.m., attendees can check out a variety of tables offering information about HIV, STDs and preventive measures to maintain a healthy lifestyle. This event is taking place at Mervo High School in Baltimore. Dee Jay Pork Chop from 92.3 will be the DJ for the step competition. *(Recreation)*

15. **Zumba Demonstration:** A Zumba demonstration was held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center on Wednesday, May 4th. All participants are excited about the start of the next Zumba session which will be Wednesday, May 11th. *(Recreation)*

16. **Meeting with LevelGreen Landscaping:** On Thursday, May 5, John Webster met with Gus Samartzis who is a Manager with LevelGreen Landscaping. Discussions were held on future beautification projects, green thumb workshops and other collaborative efforts. *(Recreation)*

17. **Favorite Poems:** Nearly 50 people attended last night's 11th annual Favorite Poem Evening in the Library. Thirty readers of diverse backgrounds, interests and ages shared poems and told a little about their choices. Readers and other attendees socialized and enjoyed refreshments afterwards. The Friends contributed refreshments. *(Library)*

18. **Mother's Day Program:** Also last evening, Patricia Bullit, a visiting storyteller from California, gave a special Mothers Day oriented program for young children and families in the Azalea Room. Karen MacPherson led children in a craft activity following the program.

(Library)

19. **Big Book Club:** Join the Friends 'Big Book Club' on Wednesday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center, when our four part discussion of "Bleak House" concludes. *(Library)*

20. **Madam Marie Returns:** French circle Time with Madam Marie returns Saturday, May 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. No registration necessary. The Friends of the Library fund this program. *(Library)*

21. **Spring Book Sale:** The Library is actively recruiting volunteers for the Friends spring book sale on May 21. Contact Ellen Robbins at the Library for more information. Students may earn service learning hours for volunteering at the sale, but we are greatly in need of many adult volunteers as well. *(Library)*

22. **The Captain at COG:** On May 5, Capt. Coursey attended the monthly Council of Governments (COG) Intelligence Sub-committee meeting held in Alexandria, VA. Multiple agencies in the MWCOG region participate in this forum, including many federal law enforcement agencies, in order to foster better situational awareness of issues that present mutual security concerns. No specific issues of local concern were presented in this month's meeting. *(Police)*

23. **Free Crime Prevention Seminar:** On Thursday, May 12, 2011, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., a free seminar is being offered to all who live and work in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, hosted by the City of Takoma Park Police Department. It will include an introduction to the City of Takoma Park Police Department's Community Outreach Program (COP) in its pilot phase, basic crime information and crime prevention tips, as well as an introduction to the programs in which residents of the community can participate. Numerous informative pamphlets will be available, and interested parties will have an opportunity to sign up for the programs offered. Light fare will be provided. The seminar will be held at the City of Takoma Park Community Center, 2nd Floor, Azalea Room, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. Pre-registration is required. Please e-mail Officer Carla Magnaye at carlam@takomagov.org, or you can come to the police department by May 11th to register. The seminar is limited to 50 attendees. *(Police)*

24. **An Officer in Training:** On May 5 through 7, Cpl. Pedersen attended training entitled "S.K.I.D.D.S/CAT K-9 Training" at the Best Western Rockville Hotel in Rockville. *(Police)*

25. **Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (April 21-28, 2011) may be viewed online at <http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/05/takoma-park-police-department-weekly.html>. *(Police)*

26. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 140 traffic stops, which resulted in citations.

During April 27-May 6, 2011, the following details were completed:

April 27, 2011

- Elm Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (fail to pass right of rotary island) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a two-hour detail and issued five State citations for speed, three other State citations and one warning.
- Elm Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (fail to pass right of rotary island) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

April 29, 2011

- 7500 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations for speed, one other State citation and one warning.
- Maple Avenue & Ritchie Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.

May 1, 2011

- 1100 block of University Blvd. (misc. traffic) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO).

May 2, 2011

- Various locations in the City (seatbelt enforcement) – conducted a detail at various times throughout the day and issued 10 State citations.
- Various locations in the City (seatbelt enforcement) – conducted a detail at various times throughout the day and issued five State citations.
- Philadelphia Avenue & Holly Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued six State citations.
- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued 15 State citations.
- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a two and a half hour detail and issued 30 State citations.

May 3, 2011

- Various locations throughout the City (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a detail at various times throughout the day and issued five State citations.
- Takoma Avenue & Fenton Street (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Flower Avenue & Houston Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) – conducted a detail at various times throughout the day and issued five State citations and one warning.
- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued 13 State citations.

May 4, 2011

- 7500 block of New Hampshire Avenue (various violations) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four State citations and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO).
- Lee Avenue & Hancock Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and

issued one State citation.

- Grant Avenue & Hancock Avenue (wrong way-one way street) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Elm Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (fail to pass right of rotary island) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.
- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- East West Highway & New Hampshire Avenue (improper turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a two-hour detail and issued 11 State citations.

May 5, 2011

- Anne Street & Hammond Avenue (various violations) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- New Hampshire Avenue & Sligo Creek Parkway (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO).
- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Sligo Creek Parkway & New Hampshire Avenue (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.

May 6, 2011

- Anne Street & Hammond Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.

(Police)

27. Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes):

Week ending 5/5/11

Hours worked: 40

Calls for service: 5

State Citations issued: 135

Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SEROs) issued: 5

Warnings: 2

Reports: 8

Court: 5 hours

Foot: 12½ hours

(Police)